

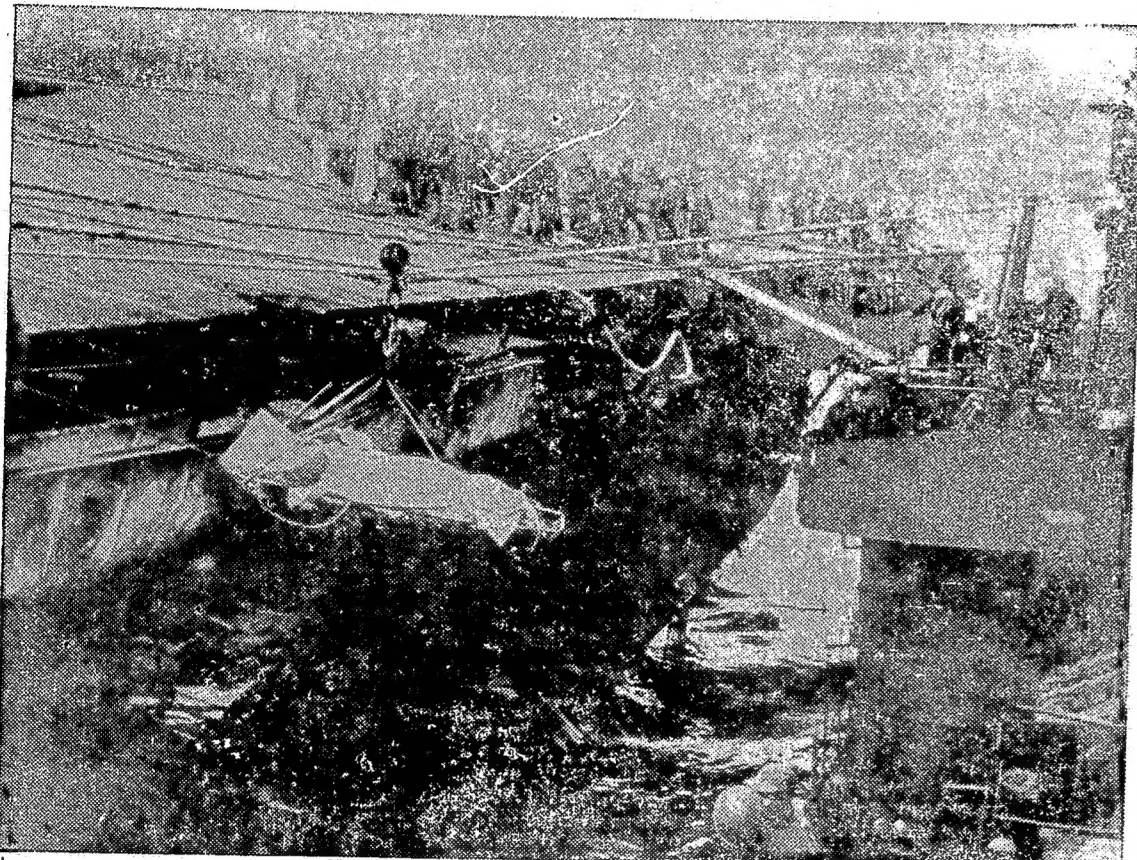
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Rescue at Sea From Bombed Carrier



AT SEA—Soundphoto—One of the 700 casualties of the bombed and burned out U.S.S. Carrier Franklin, is shown being transferred from the damaged vessel to the Cruiser Santa Fe after having been given first aid treatment. On tilted carrier deck stand survivors of the Jap bombing attack which took place 60 miles off Japan coast. Over 300 died when Jap bombed gasoline tanks on the deck. Despite her grievous wounds, the Franklin limped 12,000 miles to Brooklyn Navy yard.

E. A. Herrick Drowned—Fishing At South Arm

Falling from a boat, Edgar A. Herrick of Bethel was drowned while fishing at South Arm last Thursday.

Mr. Herrick was born in Greenwood, October 27, 1885, the son of John and Harriet Grant Herrick and received his education in that town. With his brothers, Albion W. and George M. Herrick he invented the Herrick Brothers automatic spool machine, which for many years was widely used in this and foreign countries. Besides manufacturing these and other spool machines, the Herrick Brothers machine shop was for years busy in general machine and repair work. Since selling the equipment a few years ago, Mr. Herrick has kept busy with small repair work in the town.

Of a musical family, Mr. Herrick was at various times leader of the Bethel Band and for 25 years or more had a piano orchestra in his own family including children and grandchildren.

He married Miss Addie Brooks, who died several years ago. A son, Gardner, died last year. He leaves a son Arthur of Bethel; two daughters, Mrs. Charles Hutchinson of Rumford, and Mrs. Paul Staples of Portland; and two sons, Mrs. Kathryn McCrodden, Mrs. Barbara Brown, Mrs. Henrietta Lombard and Mrs. Harriet Whitten; two grandsons, Russell Lombard and John Whitten; and two granddaughters, Mrs. Blanche Lapham and Mrs. Mabel Farrington of Locke Mills.

Funeral services were held at the Greenleaf funeral home Saturday afternoon. Rev. John Foster officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

Three Local Gould Seniors In National Honor Society

The annual banquet and initiation of the members of the Gould Chapter of the National Honor Society was held Wednesday evening, May 30.

Students of the Senior Class of Gould Academy who have been elected are Priscilla Carver, Mary Gibbs, and Robert Foster of Bethel, and Freeland Savage and Emil Winter of Kingfield.

Membership in the Society is determined by the faculty, based upon the four criteria of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. All of these students were in the upper quarter of their class, and have been active in campus activities.

Miss Carver has led her class throughout the four years at Gould, being active in all the musical organizations, athletics, and President of the Science Club for two years.

"Blue and Gold" Editor Eligible to Continue Study

Robert A. Foster, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gayle A. Foster of Bethel, has just been notified that he passed the Eddy Test in the Navy making him eligible for continued study in the field of electronics. Mr. Foster has been very active in school life in his three years at Gould. During that period he has been editor of the "Blue and Gold," the school paper, and of the "Academy Herald," the school annual. He has also been active in the Science Club, Camera Club, and school musical organizations, and has been a member of the last two years of the Chapman Club.

Robert has made a fine scholarship record at Gould, having led the boys of his class as a Sophomore and a Junior. Accordingly he has received one of the honor prizes of Commencement this year. He was also elected to the National Honor Society, Gould Chapter No. 919.

Mr. and Mrs. Mundt To Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mundt will hold open house to all their friends on Tuesday afternoon and evening, June 5, to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

CHAMPIONSHIP BALL GAME HERE SATURDAY

The most important baseball game of the season in the Western will be played at Bethel Saturday afternoon at 2:30. This game will definitely decide the league title. Should Gould win the championship for a Gould team since 1923. If Fryeburg comes out on top it will mean a triple tie for top honors with South Paris, Fryeburg and Gould sharing the honors.

Both Gould and Fryeburg are expected to start their ace pitchers in the game. Fryeburg's Cram is a big powerful hurler with plenty of speed and when he is right can really pitch a game, as his one hit performance at South Paris last week is ample proof. For Gould Herb Lyon, who has pitched ably all year, will most likely get the nod, although no official announcement has been made. Gus Cram and Ted Young have been successful pitchers this year also.

April 13, said:

"Pursuant to the authority contained in Section 1, War Department Circular Number 345, 23 August 1944, the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is hereby awarded the 187th Engineer Aviation Battalion for superior performance of duty in the execution of exceptionally difficult tasks and for the achievement and maintenance of a high standard of discipline during the period February to 1 June 1944."

Maj. Lovejoy at Casablanca

Maj. Alfred W. Lovejoy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Lovejoy of West Bethel is taking part in the air movement of a star half way around the world. Sgt. Lovejoy is stationed at Casablanca Air Base, the Hub of the North African Division through which flow the fighting forces of Europe en route to the United States and the Pacific. This has been termed by General Marshall as the "greatest logistic move of the war."

His division, one of the largest in the Air Transport Command, utilizes more transport aircraft than all United States airlines combined before the war in this largest air movement in history. He has been commended by Colonel Alexis B. McMillen.

A graduate of Gould Academy, the sergeant was employed by the Prawn Co. in Bethel. He prior to his entrance into the armed forces in June 1942.

GILEAD SCHOOL MEMORIAL PROGRAM

All Gettysburg Address 7th Grade boys
The Story of Memorial Day
Flag Salute
Bertha Taylor
Sub-Primary
Aly Grand Dad
Maurice Dorcy
New Memorial Day
Bertha Taylor
Our Flag
Second Grade boys
Farmers Boy
Harry Taylor
Memorial Day
Ernestine Dorey
Memorial Flowers
4th Grade girls
The Flag is Passing By
Merle Cole
Flanders Field and the Reply
Many Flags
Joanne Baker
Remarks by Mrs. French, Miss Wright and Mrs. Hilda Donahue.

EIGHTH GRADE PRESENTS OPERETTA

"Liberty Lane," an operetta in two acts is to be presented at eight o'clock, Thursday evening, June 7 at the William Bingham Gymnasium by the 8th grade graduating class of Bethel Grammar school. The theme is timely and the music under the direction of Miss Ann Griggs, is catchy and tuneful. The following is the cast of characters:

Uncle Sam Richard Ireland
Miss Liberty Eleanor Gurney
Jetsy Ross Catherine Stevens
Lucy Gail Curtis
George Washington Edwin Bumpus
Colonial officers Donald Bennett
Abraham Lincoln Rodney McAllister
Two soldiers Lawrence Demmitt
A sailor (World War I) Harry Cole
Reginald Kneeland
Red Cross Nurse Edith Tyler
Earl Cummings
Tom Donald Lovd
Steve Lee Carver
A small boy Joseph Kneeland
Susan Barbara Pretty
Mary Elaine Tolson
Harold Rachel Brown
A school boy Earl McAllister
A school girl Jack Weymouth
Girl Scouts Raymond York
Lois Ann Van Den Kerkhofen
Phyllis Merrill

In addition to the 8th grade choruses singing there will be: The Gardeners chorus Grade 7
The Rationed Goods' chorus Grade 6
Gremelin chorus and dance Grade 5

DANCE

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8:15 35c

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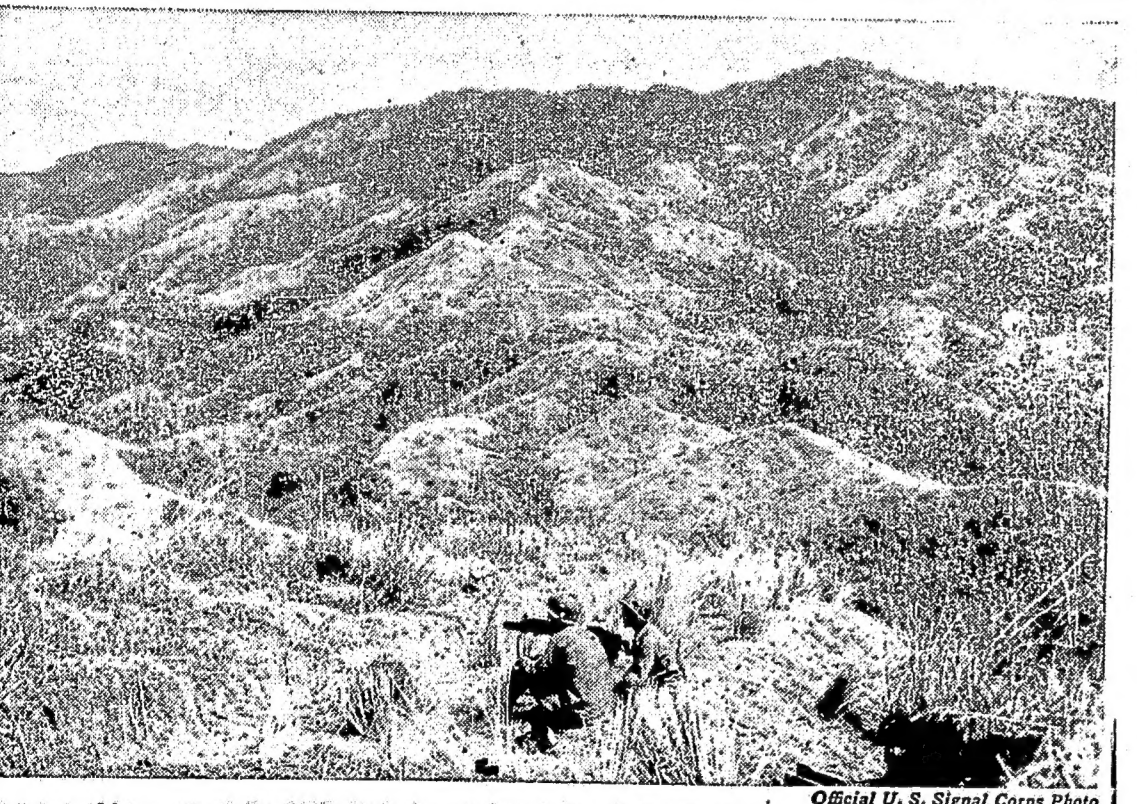
Electric Current Interruption

There will be an interruption of electric service affecting all territory north of West Paris, including the Bethel area, on Sunday, June 3, 1945.

This interruption will be from 2 p. m. to 5 p. m. and is for the purpose of making permanent repairs to our transmission line where it was damaged by the recent storm.

CENTRAL MAINE POWER CO.

Support Behind the Line



Heavy machine guns of the 127th Infantry Regiment are shown in support of soldiers advancing on the Villa Verde Trail, Luzon. You too can lend support through the heavier purchase of Bonds in the Mighty Seventh War Loan Drive.

BETHEL LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Burns are spending the week at Peaks Island. Miss Helen Varner spent the week end at her home in Auburn. Mrs. D. R. Smith and Miss Priscilla Farwell spent the week end in Boston.

Mrs. Ray York was in Connecticut last week called by the death of her father.

Willis H. Simpson of New York City was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Saunders.

Harry Eldredge of Mattapan, Mass., is a guest of his daughter, Mrs. Ralph Berry, and family.

Company E, Maine State Guard attended the two day maneuver at Camp Keyes, Augusta, May 26-27.

Miss Adey Gurney, chairman, reports the sum of \$124.75 was received from the recent Cancer Control drive.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cutler and daughter of Farmington were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Chapman.

Sgt. and Mrs. Kenneth Brooks returned Sunday to Alabama after spending a short furlough with relatives in town.

Mrs. Frederick McMillin and son Delma has been spending several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Strout at Woodstock.

The Men's Brotherhood met Tuesday evening at the Methodist Church for supper and meeting. Rev. John J. Foster gave a very interesting talk.

Those from out of town to attend the funeral of Edgar Herrick Saturday were: Mrs. Norman Auburn, Mrs. D. R. Smith and Mrs. Charles Hutchinson and Mrs. Lester Lombard of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Staples and Mrs. Thomas Lapham, Rumford; Mr. and Mrs. James Ring and Mrs. Mable Farrington of Locke Mills.

The Lions Club observed Ladies' Night at Bethel Inn Monday evening, May 28. Dinner was served to 87 Lions, guests and ladies, including 16 visiting Lions and their ladies from Rumford. The meeting was addressed by District Governor Carl Lovell of Gardiner, and motion pictures on the manufacture of synthetic rubber by the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company were shown by W. H. McDonald.

New Location Announced For Village Corporation Dump

The dump on the land of Henry Godwin on the Northwest Branch road has been closed and arrangements have been made temporarily for the use of land of Leslie Davis in the field formerly owned by Herman Mason. To reach the new location turn to the left at the end of the guard fence between Alder River bridge and the Middle Intervale road.

The usual rules will be in effect, and enforced, regarding the use of the dump. No loose paper may be dumped. All rubbish must be piled over the river bank. No dead animals should be placed on the premises. DO NOT START FIRES.

To the People of this Community

How long will the war with Japan last? Everybody has an answer to this question but our best advice is not to base your bond buying on whether you think it will take weeks or years to win in the Pacific. The best way to conduct is always to be on an all-out war effort basis.

General Douglas C. MacArthur gave you the tipoff on what to expect before your relatives and friends take over a wrecked Tokyo. In the Philippine campaign only 185 Japanese surrendered in a slaughter which cost them 308,180 men.

Buy bonds in the 7th War Loan with a spirit of an American in combat. Give it to the Japs full force and with all your weapons. That's the way to do your part in the vital, mighty 7th War Loan. Now—all together.

THE EDITOR

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USELESS COWBOY

By ALAN Le MAY WNU SERVICE



THE STORY THUS FAR: Melody Jones and George Fury had hidden in the Payneville as strangers. Melody was mistaken for the outlaw, Monte Jarrad. Monte's girl, Cherry, rushed them out of town, but Melody returned to meet Lee. Leaving town they ran into Cherry. Overpowering Lee, Melody and Cherry went to the shack where Monte had hid the express money. Luke Packer, the insurance cop, is there, and is killed by a bullet fired through the window. Melody left to catch the horses and when he returned the sheriff and his men were in the cabin but the body was missing. Melody asked if they could go if they told where the loot was hidden. There was considerable debate.

CHAPTER XIII

"Do you swear to that?" "I swear it on my sacred honor," said Sheriff Thingan proudly. "The express box is right over—" Melody began.

Melody stopped there, with all the wind suddenly gone out of him, as if he had been kicked in the stomach. By a horse. He had caught George Fury's eye, and had seen there such unholiness as George Fury had never shown before. For only a fraction of an instant he failed to understand what this meant.

Then he knew what was the matter. He knew why Luke Packer's body was no longer on the bunk. And he knew where it must be now.

George Fury had put the body of Luke Packer on top of the express box in the cache.

"It ever I git out of this darn country," Melody said, "I ain't never coming back!"

"What?" Sheriff Thingan demanded. "What? What's that got to do with it?"

"Well—nothing, I suppose," Melody admitted.

"Don't you try talking on me!" Thingan snapped. His eyes seemed to have drawn closer together, and his whole face had darkened as the man changed. The dandyish white mustache remained foolish looking, like something stuck there with paste.

"Come on, come on, come on—have I got all night?"

"Come on?" Melody repeated in blank desperation. "Come on how?"

Thingan instantly looked as if he would blow up. "Don't you fool with me!" he shouted. The close, taunting opportunity had him crazy. "I'll tear up a man that'll fool with me! Where is that express box?"

Melody's words came weakly. "Well—I'll tell you—"

Thingan came close to him, and thrust nastily burning eyes within a few inches of Melody's own. His voice dropped low, and seemed to loaf, as it conveyed all the threat that he knew how to conceive.

"You said you knew where it was," Thingan said. "Deny that, and I swear, I'll kill you where you stand. You don't deny it, do you?"

"No," Melody admitted. "I couldn't hardly go to deny something what I just now spoke."

The big go-toothed grin came back to Royal Boone's crude-bull face. Because he was a big iron-boned man, sure of his guns, and with no imagination, he was able to take time to taunt Mormon Stocker. "Still want to turn the pore jigger loose?"

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"Okay, then, we got to bang it out of him, that's all!"

"I was thinking more of heating up a brander," Boone answered. "If you want to burn somebody with a brander," Cherry de Longpre flared at him like a spit-cat, "you can try it on me, and see what it gets you! You three are the nearest thing to no men at all that I ever saw, and I've seen some sorry ones!"

"Shut up!" Thingan bellowed, turning on them all. "You jackasses mean to stand and blab until the Cottons ride up and take over?" He spun on Melody. "Once and for all—do you aim to cough up, or do we have to git it out of you?"

"Git holt of him!" Thingan ordered his deputies. He had holstered his Colt, but now he ripped it out again. It came into his hand fast and suddenly, not in a smooth draw, but in a violent one. "Git holt of him! Pin him! Pin him and hog-tie 'em!"

Mormon Stocker moved sidelong, in a sliding lurch, to get between Melody and the door. His gun also was in his hand now, thumb joint clamped hard down across the hammer.

"Who's got a piggin' string?" Thingan's voice cracked. Royal Boone said, "Don't need it." He came fast around the table. His hands were empty, but they were in front of him a little, big competent hooks, too heavy to tie a knot without fumbling, but good for throwing a steer. His face was dead ugly now, but his eyes had a happy blaze.

In that instant the light went out. Then, an uneasy, winded quiet. Cherry de Longpre moved slowly, tentatively, out of the corner into which she had packed herself. Her motions were creaky, as if she had been in one position for a long time so tensely had she stood. Some of the strings seemed to have been cut in her knees; they threatened to bend both ways. She drew a deep, quivering breath of let-down.

The blackness behind her vanished with a snap and a flare as a

match was struck. Immediately the yellow candle-light welled up softly. Cherry's chin jerked around, her eyes astonished.

The first thing she saw was Royal Boone, sitting against the wall. He wasn't looking happy. A trickle of blood was running into his left eye from a broken eyebrow, and he was fuzzily trying to rub it clear with one straw-haired wrist. His gun hand rested on one propped-up knee, the forty-five trailing idly.

Cherry turned furious, for no logical reason. "So, you brush ape," she prodded him, "they walked over you, did they? Did you think a sorry passel of fakes like you could stop any healthy man and boy from—"

She saw surprise, and a pleasant unbelief, come across Royal Boone's rough-cut face. His dangling six-gun straightened up and leveled rock-steady at the point. Cherry turned and looked at the room.

Melody Jones was there. He had found some of the overturned candles, and was methodically lighting them, one by one.

Cherry looked at him, while slow disillusionment choked her. "What

He shot her a glance of sheepish hostility. "Well, I—I held onto him," he said thickly. "He's here ain't he? He shore is!"

"He shore is," Cherry admitted, looking at Melody with a disgust that was near to hatred.

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"Work on him, Roy."

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rode a traveled trail. But down below in the cabin George now left behind, Melody Jones was making no new friends.

"I don't know why I'm not through with men," Cherry said bitterly. "I have a mighty poor opinion of women, what few of 'em I've known. But if they don't have more sense than the smartest man that ever walked, this race is in a hell of a fix!"

"Well, shucks, now," Melody said. "Shut up!" Sheriff Thingan snapped at him. "How the devil," he turned blankly to Roy Boone, "does it come he's still here, anyway?"

Royal Boone was getting to his feet, concealing a certain grogginess by movements of great deliberation. He made it, and stood on spread heels, his back against the wall.

"He's here," he said heavily, "because I kept him here." The disgruntled bad temper of an impact-headache put a saw edge on his voice. "While you fellers was flyin' out of here, and leaving that old wild cat raise hell like he felt like, and shooting in the dark, and lettin' off your guns, and losing our horses—it was me hung onto the guy you really need."

"Tell 'em how you held onto him," Cherry said to Royal Boone.

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The Washington MERRY-GO-ROUND

DREW PEARSON

Washington, D. C. Back in 1937-38, Adm. William Leahy, now chief of staff to the White House, devised a strategy against Japan, which, if put into effect, might have prevented Pearl Harbor and even World War II.

Today, the old Leahy strategy is being dusted off, especially on Capitol Hill, as the best means of finishing the war with Japan. It would save thousands of American lives, its proponents claim, and would serve as an example of how wars can be won—or prevented—by naval blockade.

The proposals made by Admiral Leahy constitute one of the most important and unwritten chapters in the history of what happened shortly before the war began. Leahy, then chief of naval operations and one of the best strategists the navy has seen in years, saw all too clearly what was coming both in Europe and Asia. At that time, 1937, Japan had just begun her full-scale invasion of China, and it was Leahy's idea to make an example of Nippon which would show Hitler and Mussolini—then feeling their oats—that the United States meant business and would stand four-square behind the peace machinery of the world.

Therefore, he proposed to Roosevelt a naval blockade of Japan in cooperation with the British fleet, using the peace machinery of the League of Nations and the nine-power pact which guarantees the sovereignty of China.

Leahy argued that by keeping the U. S. Navy in the Philippines and the British fleet at Singapore, we could cut off all oil, scrap iron, copper, cotton and other war materials from Japan. Without these, he argued, the Japanese war machine would be powerless and would fold up in six months. Leahy figured that the United States would lose its gunboats on the Yangtze river, but that aside from this the main U. S. fleet would not have to fire a single shot.

British Start Blockade. President Roosevelt agreed. So did the British. And in the late summer of 1937, the British actually detailed 6 battleships, 12 cruisers and 20 destroyers to leave British home waters for Singapore. Just at that moment, however, the axis capitals apparently got wind of what was happening, and Mussolini started his unofficial submarine campaign off the coast of Spain which detained the British fleet at Gibraltar.

The Panay Incident. At any rate, the plan to blockade Japan, following the failure of the Brussels conference in October, 1937, was dropped. But Admiral Leahy revived it again a year later, when, in December, 1938, the Japs sank the U. S. Gunboat Panay and the British Gunboat Ladybird.

Leahy recognized this for what it was, a deliberate attempt by the Jap war lords to test out how much insult the United States would take, and to make Britain and the USA lose face with the Chinese. Accordingly he rushed to the state department and all one Sunday afternoon, December 13, 1938, one day after the sinking of the Panay, he urged Cordell Hull to seize this psychological moment to put the blockade of Japan into effect.

The British were also willing to cooperate. And, Leahy pointed out, in another year, war, inevitably breaking out in Europe, would tie up the British fleet and they could not possibly help us in the Pacific. Russia, he also pointed out, had 60 submarines at Vladivostok, ready to help us cut off all scrap iron, all oil, all cotton and copper from Japan. Without these, he argued, the Japanese war machine would be paralyzed.

Pacing the floor of Hull's office with Leahy was Hugh Wilson, ex-ambassador to Germany and one of the state department's foremost appeasers. He opposed Leahy at every turn, finally convinced cautious Cordell Hull that Leahy was too vigorous, that it was best to appease Japan.

Less than one year later, Hitler had invaded Poland, the British fleet was desperately needed to defend British home waters, and the fat was in the fire. From that point on there was no possible way the United States could blockade Japan—though many people have never understood why we went to the opposite extreme and increased our shipments of oil and scrap iron to Japan so that she laid in tremendous reserves before Pearl Harbor.

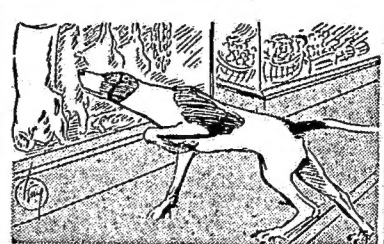
Japan Can Be Starved. But beginning with V-E Day, the possibility of blockading Japan for the first time since 1939 was completely reversed. Since V-E Day, the British fleet is entirely free to operate in the Pacific. So are Russian submarines. So is the whole might of the U. S. Navy, now no longer needed to watch for submarines in the Caribbean or the Atlantic.

Today it is possible to throw up such a naval blockade around the main Jap islands, augmented by air patrols, that hardly a ton of raw materials could reach Jap factories.

A HOUSE DIVIDED

One day in New York, Mark Twain had a luncheon engagement with his wife at a downtown hotel. He showed up at the appointed hour. His wife had not arrived. For an hour he waited, then ordered his meal. Before departing, he left a note for his wife with the waiter. When she appeared later in the afternoon, she discovered with amusement that it read: "Never the Twains shall meet."

SMART PUP



Harry—I figure my dog can always help me with my ration problems.

Jersey—How come?

Harry—He's a pointer!

Ball and Chain? Jones—You know Brown has never been away from home in twenty years. That's what I call perfect love.

Smith—It sounds to me like paralysis!

Call 'Em Waiters "Are you the girl who took my order?" asked the impatient man in a cafe.

"Yes, sir," the waitress replied. "Well, I declare!" he beamed. "You don't look a day older!"

Slight Acceleration Rastus—Ah done seen a ghost when Ah passed de cemetery. Sambo—Dat mus' hab given you a start.

Rastus—Brothah, Ah didn't need no start!

Wanted? Cashier—I regret to report two cases of absenteeism. Bank President—Well, what are they? Cashier—Mr. Jones and \$50,000.

Likes Company Father—Now look here, Jackie, if you aren't a better boy you'll never go to heaven.

Jackie—I don't want to go to heaven; I want to go with you and mother.

Thrown for a Loss Boy—Give me a kiss. Girl—Nay, nay! Boy—Give me a hug, then. Girl—Nay, nay! Boy—Were you ever scared by a horse?

Slow Motion Joe—I don't see how basketball can be a very fast game. Bill—Why not? Joe—Well, you tell me that most of the time they pro's by dribbles.

Ghost Writer Dumb—Who do you think wrote the most of anybody in the world? Dora—Some girl named Annie Nonamous.

On the Up and Up Flier—It makes me mad when someone tells me I haven't enough altitude.

Pilot—It makes me soar, too.

NO, THANK YOU! Housewife—Have you ever been offered work?

Tramp—Jus' once, ma'am. Outside of that I've met with nothing but kindness.

Hello, Joe Bill—Are you looking for me, old man?

Joe—I don't even know your old man!

Man Crazy Jane—How do you know Mabel has a heart like the army? Joan—It's open to any man between ages of 18 and 45.

Papa Pays Boy—Does your older sister live at home?

Girl—No, she doesn't live at home. She's not married yet.

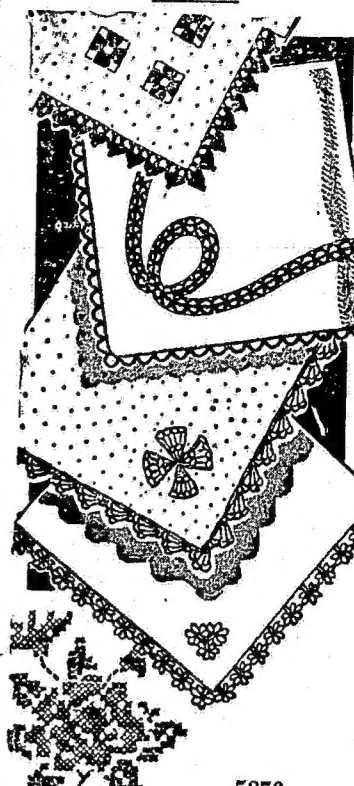
Ouch! Doc—Are you taking the medicine regularly? Patient—I tasted it and decided I'd rather be sick my way.

Silly? He—What are you giggling about now? She—Oh, about half the time.

School Daze Teacher—Correct this sentence, "Our teacher am in sight." Smarty—Our teacher am a sight!

Fair Exchange Boy—Gimme a kiss! Girl—No, I won't, but I'll trade.

Make These Dainty Hankies for Gifts



EVERYONE likes pretty, delicate handkerchiefs—and they're so expensive and hard to find these days! Why not get busy with your crochet hook and some fine thread and turn out these attractive ones. Shown here are four hand-crocheted edgings and designs—the rose design is to be embroidered in color. They make treasured gifts.

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SNAPPY FACTS about RUBBER

The Flemish word for auto tire is "Snelpeerdloossonderspoorweggetralstijg."

The 1945 government expansion program for increased production of military truck and bus tires is geared to turn out 2,500 additional tires a day, or 6,000,000 a year. This expansion plus previous expansions should result in the production in 1945 of more than twice as many truck and bus tires as were produced in 1941, and in 1946 about 2 1/2 times the 1941 figure.

A vehicle driven at 50 m.p.h. on average roads wears away 41 per cent more rubber than if it were driven at a steady 30 m.p.h.

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THURSDAY, MAY 31, 1945



Russia

Since the beginning of 1945 I saw a mid-Victorian rig, a horse and buggy, pass an automobile on a graded road. It was not a race. The car was not running. The motorist was out changing a tire. The driver of the rig sat up straight and pressed his horse for a bit of extra speed going by, which was funny. The car owner made the change and drove into town far ahead of the buggy.

Between 1928 and 1938 the United States, the world's outstanding industrial nation of all time, had an industrial depression. Meanwhile the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics was moving forward, not rapidly, but at an increasing rate. In these years it was being transformed from an agricultural to an industrial nation, a stage through which America had passed, half a century before.

A Wind-Broken Nag
Russia was driving a horse named "Central Planning." The rig made an interesting dash for improvement; not very fast however, nor very spectacular. Claims made for the animal's speed were funny; certainly not all true. Living conditions in Russia were not as high as those in America in the pit of our depression; never have been before nor since. It was a spurge, better than Russia had before, but far below American achievement.

There is nothing new about Central Planning. It's as old as horse-drawn equipment. Kings, tyrants and dictators have always used the idea. Some have done better with it than others, depending on the ruler. Russia's recent rulers have been anything but stupid. Their military leadership has the world agog. Russia has made a marvelous fight, using American equipment extensively.

For National Safety
You would think that Russia, living next door to an armed desperado for 25 years could have adequately prepared for war. No. Central Planning couldn't do it. It took a raid on Pearl Harbor to wake America from a sweet dream of peace, but America went into action with Private Enterprise and, in four years, armed the United Nations for victory. This demonstrates which system is better for national safety.

Development Compared
Leopold Schwarzhild, in his recent book called "Primer of the Coming World," shows some index figures to make a fair comparison of industrial gains in similar periods—Russia, while at her best in 1928-38, and America in a similar period. Here are three for a sample:

	U.S.S.R. U.S.A.
Coal Mining	599 1,332
Railroad Building	38 918
Automobiles	129 2,066

The Russian government is an autocracy. One political party controls everything, including newspapers and radio, but not more than 2% of the people belong to it. . . . the upper class. Kick up a rumpus about it if you want to go to the salt mines and serve your country for insufficient board and clothes. The system overcomes unemployment, but wages are only one-sixth of wages in America and the standard of living only one-sixth as high. I am in favor of keeping Private Enterprise here.

GARD OF THANKS
We wish to thank our many friends and relatives for their kind words and sympathy shown us throughout our sorrow.

Elmer J. Stearns and Family

NOTICE
The subscriber hereby gives notice that she has been duly appointed guardian of Everett S. Mitchell of Bethel in the County of Oxford, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said ward are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

JENNIE E. MITCHELL
Bethel, Maine.
April 17th, 1945.



BIBLE QUESTIONS ANSWERED BY THE VOICE OF PROPHECY INTERNATIONAL BIBLE BROADCASTER

Question—Please give the Bible texts that mention the first day of the week.

Answer—Genesis 1:5; Matthew 28:1; Mark 16:1, 2; Mark 16:9; Luke 24:1; John 20:1, 19; Acts 20:7-12; 1 Corinthians 16:1-3.

Q.—What verse of a Psalm is quoted six times as spoken of our Saviour?

A.—It is Psalm 118:22 and is quoted in Matthew 21:42; Mark 12:10; Luke 20:17; Acts 4:11; Ephesians 2:20; 1 Peter 2:4, 7.

Q.—Do you think a man's body will last, or will it be destroyed in hell?

A.—"And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." Matthew 10:28.

Q.—Christ's object is to destroy him. "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same; that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil." Hebrews 2:14.

Q.—How can God be everywhere if He is in heaven?

A.—By His spirit. Psalm 139:7-10: "Whither shall I go from Thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from Thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, Thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, Thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; even there shall Thy hand lead me, and Thy right hand shall hold me."

Q.—How can we support a preacher?

A.—You should support the preaching of the gospel by tithes and offerings. In Old Testament days the tithe [the tenth] was claimed by God for the support of His worship. Can we do less now? 1 Corinthians 9:13, 14: "Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." Read also Malachi 3:8-12.

Ed. Note: Address your questions to the BIBLE QUESTION COLUMN, The Voice of Prophecy, Box 55, Los Angeles 53, Calif. Bible questions of general interest will be answered in this column as space permits.

THE LOW DOWN FROM HICKORY GROVE

You know, folks who think Hollywood is just "make believe," they have not been noticing the history they have been making there, recent. This Mr. DeMille there, he is showing that he knows more than just shootin' pictures of curvy dames and Broadway cowboys. He is demonstrating what starch in a backbone will do when a walking delegate says "pay me, buddy or out you go."

And now, folks who have been observing the kind of fight he is puttin' up—they are taking heart. The newspaper says a dozen more workers there were just fired out of a union for not kickin' in with a 5 buck weekly assessment to support striking workers. And the grand jury is gonna listen and find out how come the boys can't work unless they donate—even though they like the job and their boss.

I been puttin' the finishing touches on a new idea—just getting my A.C.I. organized—A.C.I. being short for Average Citizens Incorporated.

I figure that 50 in every 100 citizens are average and 100 percent okay—and if organized, would go to town. But now since Mr. DeMille is doing a spookum job on about the same idea, I am gonna merge with him—and let him do the work. So drop him a card at Hollywood expressing your ideas.

Yours with the low down,
JO SERRA

NORTH NEWRY

Those from here attending the Mother-Daughter Banquet at Upton Tuesday night were Mrs. Daisy Warren, Mrs. Bertha Davis, Mrs. Amy Bennett, Mrs. Elsie Egan and daughters June, Naomi and Pauline, Mrs. Virginia Stewart, Mrs. Jennie Brown and daughter Elsie, Mrs. Daisy Morton, Mrs. L. E. Wright, Mrs. Fred Wright and Mrs. Sylvia Wright.

Eileen Bennett, who was taken ill Friday with a bad throat, was taken to Rumford Community Hospital, returning home Tuesday afternoon much better.

Henry Lane will drive the Bath-Newry-Upton stage after July 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Perren of Houghton and Mrs. Claude Herick were callers at L. E. Wright's Tuesday evening.

The Branch school will close Friday of this week with graduation and entertainment in the evening. Mr. and Mrs. John Vail and Mrs. Jennie Bennett went to Rumford Tuesday to bring Eileen Bennett home from the hospital.

ROWE HILL

Bessie Palmer was home over the week end.

Rosalia Palmer came home from her visit in Berlin, N. H., Saturday. Mrs. Hope Caskey, R. N., of Portland spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Colby Hill.

Wilmer Bryant was on Howe Hill Sunday afternoon at Will Seames' after potatoes.

Mrs. Margaret Bryant, Mrs. Winifred Hanson, Miss Sylvia Ring, and Mrs. Iva Lang of Locke Mills were in Norway Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Durward Lang of Locke Mills were at Wilmer Bryant's Saturday afternoon and raked the cemetery.

Mrs. Norma Martin and children of Greenwood Center were at Colby Hill's Saturday night and the children hung Mrs. Caskey a may-basket.

There was a thunder shower Monday night, but it did not come very near this place.

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"It's easy to take a day off—impossible to put it back!"—Reminful sign in a Westinghouse war plant.

"Sometimes I'm tempted, but I do not fall."—American-born Lady Astor, teetotaler, refusing drink on V-E Day.

"It is now 11:59 on the clock of starvation."—Former Pres. Hoover, urging food for liberated peoples.

"America's postwar foreign trade will mean more than 5,000,000 jobs."—Charles E. Wilson, pres., General Electric.

"If our economic system is allowed to function, the problem will be where a job can find a man!"—Ralph Robey, economist.

"This is no time for windy platitudes."—Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

"We don't go for women ho-bos!"—Hobos of America, Inc., barring them as members.

"Government can't put 60,000,000 people to work—there wouldn't be anyone left to pay the bills."—Warner & Swasey Co., Cleveland.

"In this nation and in this State the right of the individual holds the basic priority."—Gov. Dwight Griswold, Nebraska.

"I am for a free press in Germany, and everywhere else."—Director Elmer Davis, OWI.

"Never did so many wait for so little!"—Spokesman for Washington reporters, awaiting OWI handout.

EAST BETHEL

Mrs. W. G. Holt is in a Boston hospital for surgical treatment. Mrs. Carroll Curtis was a week end guest of Mrs. Maud Day in West Paris.

Owing to the rain it was considered advisable to change the plans and hold the dedication services for the service flag at the church preceding the Memorial day exercises, as it would have been difficult to have provided transportation between the corner and the church.

Dedication of Service Flag
Introduction by chairman
The Flag Speaks Keith Bartlett
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America
By All
The Service Flag Robert Coolidge
Benediction Rev. Wm. Penner
What is Decoration Day

Patriots (poem) Gary Smith
Exercises by three subprimary children—Nancy Haines, Robert Crockett, Arlene Coolidge
Our Flag LeClair
Exercises, Blue and the Gray—Arlene Coolidge, Ann Hastings
Story of the First Flag

Other Early Flags Shirley Bartlett
Story of Betsy Ross Clara Belle Foster
What our Flag Means Warren Hastings
What We Can Do for the Flag Melvin Olson

What is Peace? Clark Bartlett
I am an American Leroy Merrill
Columbia—Mary Louise Coolidge
Sweden June Foster
Ireland Lincoln Bartlett
France Joyce Olson
Holland Lee Merrill
Scotland Grace Smith
Spain Keith Bartlett

Address Robert Smith, Dorothy Bartlett
Flag Bearer Ann Hastings
Address Rev. Penner

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Farwell were in Auburn last Tuesday to attend the funeral services of Mrs. Farwell's cousin, Mrs. Willard Farwell and children accompanied them and visited her mother.

Mrs. Ida Blake spent the week end with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reed, at Bethel.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Haines of West Paris and Mrs. Lillian Russ of Worcester, Mass., were Sunday guests of G. L. Haines and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Noyes. Mrs. Russ remained for several days.

Miss June Moore spent the week end with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Harrington. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Moore of South Paris were here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Newton and Carlene Dorey were in Andover Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Coolidge of Bethel were at Almon Coolidge's Sunday.

Freeman Merrill of Camp Edwards, Mass., spent the week end at his home here.

A crowd of young people from Bethel and Locke Mills hung Miss Virginia Hastings a maybasket Friday evening.

STATE OF MAINE
To all persons interested in either of the Estates hereinafter named: Alta Probate Court, held at Paris, in and for the County of Oxford on the third Tuesday of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-five from day to day from the third Tuesday of said May. The following matters having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby Ordered:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford County Citizen a newspaper published at Bethel, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of June, A. D. 1945, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

Amie C. Cole, late of Gilead, deceased; Petition for the appointment of Paul Head as successor trustee with bond for the benefit of The Penbody Cemetery situated in Gilead, Maine, presented by Roger V. Wheeler, administrator of the estate of Chester Wheeler who was the former trustee.

Louis Georgopoulos of Bethel; Petition that the name of Louis Georgopoulos be changed to Louis Joseph Paul, presented by the said Louis Georgopoulos.

Barbara R. Hastings, et al., of Bethel, minors; First account presented for allowance by Ruth C. Hastings, guardian.

Everett S. Mitchell, of Bethel, adult ward, Petition for license to sell real estate situated in Bethel, presented by Jennie E. Mitchell, guardian of said ward.

Witness: Albert J. Stearns, Judge of said Court at Paris, this third Tuesday of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-five.

EARLE R. CLIFFORD, Register, 21

NOTICE
To the members of the Bethel Savings Bank:—

You are hereby notified that the annual meeting of the members of the Bethel Savings Bank Corporation will be held at said Bank, in Bethel, Maine, on Wednesday, June 13, 1945, at two o'clock in the afternoon, to elect officers and directors, and to elect other necessary bank officers.

FRED F. BEAN, Secretary,
Bethel, Maine, May 31, 1945.

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The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed Admin. of the estate of Eva T. Chapman, late of Bethel in the County of Oxford, deceased, and giving bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

JESSE B. CHAPMAN
Bethel, Maine.
April 17th, 1945.

SONGO POND

Mrs. Arthur Kimball did some preparing for Carrie Logan last week.

Mrs. Gladys Swan and son Lloyd and friend from Massachusetts were week end guests at Carrie Logan's.

There were about 75 guests and calls at Carrie Logan's Sunday to welcome George home.

Little Howard Jewel from Bethel was given a birthday party in honor of his third birthday at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Kimball Tuesday. Ice cream, punch, cookies, and cake were served. Those present were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jewel, Mrs. Mae Thomas, Mrs. Alice Kimball and little daughter Dorothy.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jewel, Mrs. Mae Thomas, Mrs. Alice Kimball and little daughter Dorothy, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jewel of Bethel, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Kimball.

Miss Eleanor Kimball has been helping Mrs. Myrtle Keniston this last week a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jewel and son Howard of Bethel and Miss Elsie Kimball, Muriel and Marion Lapham and Helen Robinson attended the carnival at Norway Friday evening.

Callers at Leslie Kimball's Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kimball of Gorham, Maine, Miss Pauline Philbrick, Mrs. Mary Baulne, Miss Laura Inman and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jewel of Bethel, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kimball and Pct. George Logan.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jewel, Mrs. Mae Thomas and Mrs. Maud Kimball were in Norway on business Monday.

Mrs. Lena Kimball of Norway was at A. B. Kimball's over the week end.

Floyd Jr. spent the week end with his father, Floyd Kimball.

Miss Fessie Good spent the week end at South Paris with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Roney Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Millett and two children were at his mother's.

Mrs. Edward Fuller's, Sunday evening.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bryant and Mrs. Evelyn Roberts and sons, Richard and Kenneth, of Bethel were at Hollis Grindle's Tuesday evening.

WEST GREENWOOD

Mrs. Vernon Brown and son Raymond of South Waterford were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Deegan, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Deegan were in Rumford one day last week.

I. B. Leighton of Gilead shingled for Alden Wilson last week.

Mrs. Mildred Sheehy of Auburn was the guest of her brother, Paul Croteau, and family over the week end.

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He can't ask you now!

... He's an American hero. After fighting bloody battles in the Pacific, he was home on leave two years ago.

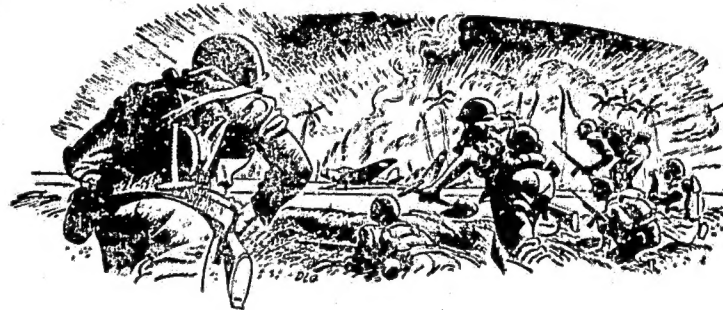
... You may remember seeing his picture. His name is John Basilone, Marine Gunnery Sergeant. He traveled all over America, urging every American to buy more bonds.

... He said: "You don't know—you can't know—how much it means to the boys out there when they hear the folks back home have just put another War Bond Drive over the top."

... They gave him the Congressional Medal of Honor and offered him a commission. He didn't want it. "I'm a plain soldier," he said. "I want to stay one."

... Well, he stayed a plain Marine—like Joe and Bill and the fellows down the street. He *can't* ask you to buy *bigger* bonds during the Seventh. He was killed a few weeks ago on Iwo, just after he had led his assault team to the edge of an airfield we needed desperately.

... We can't let him and all our other fighting heroes down. Remember, last year we had two War Loan Drives by this time.



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Kathleen Norris Says:

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"Dorothy is a completely changed creature, and I don't want to take on a stranger for my wife. She and my mother are like two girls together..."

By KATHLEEN NORRIS

IT MAY take you six months, it may take you a year to rebuild, when that man of yours comes home, but marriage is worth six months or twelve months of doubt and pain. True marriage is a miracle, and to cheat yourself out of wonderful years of companionship and planning just because things are difficult now, is an expensive mistake.

"I'm completely bewildered," writes William Martin, in a letter that illustrates this point. "I've been two years overseas. When I left her my wife was a sweet, shy girl who had no friends in my home town and cried bitterly when she came to join my mother for my absence. Just before I left Dorothy had the sad experience of losing a new-born baby, so that my memory of her is of an excited, scared, tearful, bashful little thing who assured me that she could not hold her head up at all until I came back."

"Well, I got back six weeks ago, and if you ask me, I'd just as soon return to France. Dorothy is a completely changed creature, and I don't want to take on a stranger for my wife. She and my mother are like two girls together; laughing all the time. They play cribbage every evening, fiddle at every meal, and trot off to work still chattering. They work part-time in the same foundry. Dorothy has picked up a lot of friends, most of them daughters of my mother's old crowd; she wants me to go on week-end parties, where she is a great favorite, and she wants to have them in for impromptu suppers and games. She's perfectly amiable about everything, anxious to make me happy, says she'll give up work the minute I'm established, hopes we'll have a lot of children someday,—this doesn't sound so bad. I wonder if I'm getting over to you what I mean?"

I mean that a man likes to be important in his own house, he likes to have the ear. If I suggest this, Dorothy is all attention; what would I like to do? Well, the truth is I don't want to do anything, except sit around. I don't even want my mother or wife near me, part of the time. I always wanted to take a forestry course, but after two years of college I quit, and got a job, so I could marry. Then the war came, I have no money now, and I'll be damned if I want my women to support me. Shall I just get out of their lives, go off somewhere, and work it out myself?"

No, by no means do that, Bill. Your marriage is worth saving, with such a woman. Instead of running away, as so many of our people do, work it out yourself—but at home. I think you'd make those two women supremely happy if you announced that they had to support you until you finished your forestry study. Your government will help you, and all it will amount to will be that they take care of themselves for another year or two. Then go to work with a vengeance, and see how fast you can beat the regular term time.

The moment you're hard at work the whole world will change for you. Work is the supreme panacea.



Finish your forestry course...

HOLD ON A LITTLE WHILE

Another returning soldier has found his wife changed. When he left she was timid and shy, and depressed by the death of their first child. Now she is gay and happy, interested in parties and entertainments, and quite a social favorite. She lives with his mother and works in the same foundry on a part-time shift. The two women get along very well, and are always laughing and "gossiping."

While Dorothy is affectionate and anxious to please, she is no longer dependent and clinging. William feels somehow that she is a stranger... not the woman he thought he married. He wonders if he should try to "make a go" of this marriage... maybe, he thinks, he had better get out of it for the benefit of both himself and Dorothy. He left college in order to marry her, and now he wonders if it were the sensible thing to do.

The separation and the experiences of war change both husband and wife, replies Miss Norris. One will mature more than the other, but when there is no fundamental disagreement, time will harmonize the differences, and the original happiness can be regained.

There isn't going to be a household in America, in the next year or two, that doesn't face this or some other serious problem. The problem of our physically maimed and wounded isn't going to be the worst of it; it'll be the mental, the nerve, the psychopathic cases that put a heavy burden on us all. Lift your burden off the great total by accepting the unexpected gaiety and independence of this wife of yours; add to her capability, her completeness, a new capability and completeness of your own.

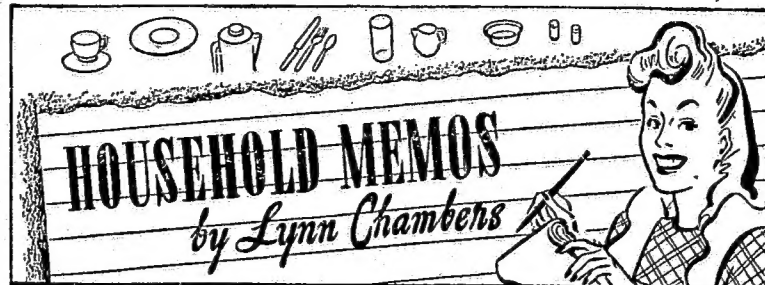
Normal Pattern Will Return. Once you're well started, and the first baby likewise, the whole pattern will fall into normal lines, and this restless, dissatisfied, resentful phase of home-coming will seem only a dream. You have the materials for an unusually happy marriage here; don't throw them away.

Postwar marital problems present every variation of trouble to which human hearts are heir. The returning husband who grows beyond his wife, and finds her unexpectedly dull, less pretty, less dear than he remembered her. The wife who hardly knows the boy with whom she danced so merrily into wedlock, and who doesn't like him much, on later inspection. The returning soldier jealous of his baby. The waiting wife all ready with plans for divorce. The criticisms of her because she lived with his mother, or because she didn't. The discontent because she worked, or else she didn't. The wounded problems and the problems of the maimed and the blind.

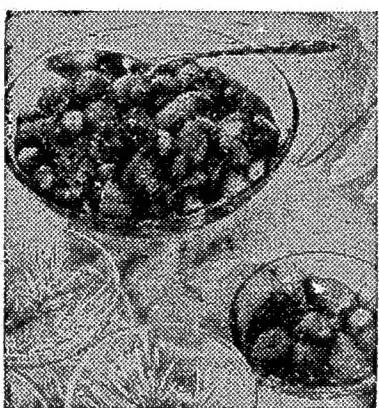
Make a fresh start, Bill, and solve yours yourself.

Value of Victory Garden

A good home garden is first of all a source of food. It is important from an economic standpoint as it supplies fresh foods in season and a surplus for canning. It is also important from the standpoint of health and family morale. Working in a garden is a source of recreation and education for all the family. It develops team work and fellowship between family members of all ages. It also gives youngsters an appreciation of the land and its marvelous products.



Fresh Fruits, Berries, Sugar—Easy Pies Satisfy Appetites



Easy Dessert: You need go no further than a bowlful of luscious, rosy-pink strawberries, plain or sugared with cream for a perfect summery dessert.

Desserts are nutritious but they are served mainly for morale.

Fruits, sparkling with their glorious colors, give a fitting close to a heavy meal. On the other hand, heavier desserts give a rich flavor to an otherwise simple meal.

Desserts take care of the sweet tooth, that craving for something utterly delicious. No longer do they require only sugar. Substitutes have been developed that give pies, cakes and puddings all the goodness of former times but do not dip into the sugar canister with a big scoop.

Desserts can give you part of the important protein requirement for the day if they're made with cereals. Add fruits to cereal and you have a nourishing as well as appetite-appealing dish.

Apricot Torte.

1 cup melted shortening
1 cup brown sugar
1 cup sifted flour
1 teaspoon soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 cups quick-cooking oats

Sift flour, measure then sift again with soda and salt. Add sugar and oats. Mix in melted shortening and blend well. Press half of the mixture into a shallow pan. Make a filling by mixing 2 1/2 cups of cooked, slightly sweetened apricots with 1/2 cup of the fruit juice and flavoring with 1 tablespoon lemon juice. Pour this mixture over the oatmeal mixture and top with remaining oatmeal mix. Bake for 35 minutes in a moderate (350-degree) oven. Cool and cut into squares and serve with cream or lemon sauce.

Frozen Strawberry Omelet.

(Serves 6)
1 pint strawberries, hulled and washed
1 tablespoon sugar
3 eggs separated
6 tablespoons powdered sugar

Mash strawberries and granulated sugar. Let stand to draw off juice. Beat egg yolks until thick and lemon colored, and egg whites until stiff. Drain juice from berries and add to egg yolks. Fold powdered sugar into egg whites and combine the 2 mixtures. Add about 4 tablespoons of the berry juice. Pipe lightly in the tray and freeze.

Date-Nut Pudding.

(Serves 6 to 8)
2 eggs
2 tablespoons flour
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup molasses
1/2 cup dates, chopped
1/2 cup nuts, chopped
1/2 teaspoon vanilla

Beat eggs until very light. Combine flour, baking powder, salt and sugar. Add to beaten eggs, dates, nuts and vanilla. Stir until well blended. Spread evenly on a well-greased paperlined pan (square).

Lynn Says:

Thrifty Tricks: Cream leftover vegetables and serve them piping hot over split, buttered biscuits. Stretch out the strawberries by adding a bit of rhubarb when you make them into a sauce. The color will be rosy-red, the flavor delicious served over cottage pudding, plain cake or dumplings.

If you are low on fruits for coffee cake fillings, use last winter's jams, jellies or marmalades. For a quick coffee cake batter, butter the pan, line with orange marmalade and pour batter over it.

Cook potatoes with their skins on whenever possible to save valuable iron. Experiments show that potatoes lose about 10 per cent of their iron in the cooking water.

Lynn Chambers' Point-Saving Menus

Fried Sausage Cakes with Corn
Jellied Cabbage Slaw
Biscuits with Honey or Jam
*Strawberry Omelet
Beverage
*Recipe Given

Bake in a slow (325-degree) oven 40 to 50 minutes until well browned. Serve warm with top milk or whipped cream.

Two favorite, novel pies come in for their share of honors as desserts. Notice the use of just the single crust to save fats:

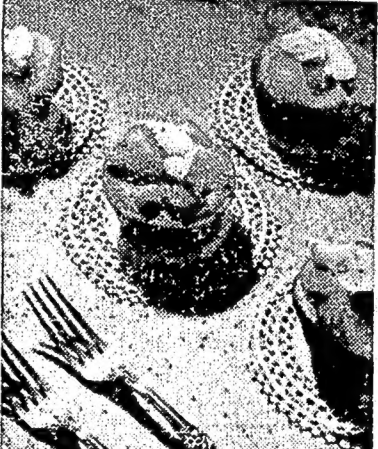
Chocolate Chip Pie.

(Makes 1 9-inch pie)

1 baked pie shell
1/2 cup cold water
1 1/2 cups milk
3 egg yolks
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
3 egg whites
3 tablespoons sugar

Soak gelatin in cold water. Scald milk. Add slowly to beaten egg yolks. Add the 1/2 cup sugar, salt and nutmeg. Cook in a double boiler over hot water, stirring constantly until mixture coats a spoon. Add soaked gelatin and vanilla. Chill until slightly thickened. Beat egg whites until stiff, then add 3 remaining tablespoons of sugar. Fold into gelatin mixture. Pour into baked pie shell. The top may be piled high with whipped cream and sprinkled with semi-sweet chocolate, grated, or just topped with the chocolate.

Note: 1/2 cup of strong coffee may be substituted for 1/2 cup milk, if so desired.



Moderately Easy Dessert: Top simple cupcakes with fruit or berries and serve with plain cream or whipped as a finishing touch to a light meal.

Pecan Pie.

(Makes 1 8-inch pie)

1/2 cup butter or substitute
1/2 cup sugar
1 cup light corn syrup
3 eggs
1 cup shelled pecans
1 teaspoon vanilla

Cream the butter, add the sugar, syrup and beaten eggs. Mix well and add pecans, vanilla. Pour into an unbaked pie shell and bake for 45 minutes in a moderate oven. These cookies are dark, spicy and sweet. The combination of sugar and molasses will help save the sugar stamps.

1/2 cup shortening
1/2 cup sugar
1 egg
1/2 cup molasses
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon allspice
1/2 teaspoon cloves
1/2 teaspoon mace
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ginger
2 1/2 cups sifted flour

Cream shortening and sugar, then beat in egg. Mix soda with molasses until the latter foams and add. Sift salt, spices and 2 1/2 cups flour together and add to first mixture. Force through cookie press or drop by spoonfuls on greased cookie sheet. Bake 10 to 12 minutes in a hot (275 to 300-degree) oven.

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Brown and Whites.

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2 (1-ounce) squares dipping chocolate

Pit prunes, lay open and place on waxed paper. Cut marshmallows into strips, about four to each. Melt chocolate; dip strips of marshmallow, one at a time, into chocolate to half cover, then place in center of prune.

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When food has been oversalted, the pot may be covered with a damp cloth and the food steamed for a few minutes.

Ground raw potato can be added to meat balls and hamburgers to make a little meat go a long way.

Old doors which have settled until they scrape the floor, can be improved by pulling out the hinge bolts and setting a small washer between the halves. The door will be raised the thickness of the washer.

After using a scrubbing brush, rinse it in cold water and then turn the bristles downward. The water will run out and the brush will dry quickly. If allowed to dry on its back the water will soak into the wood and thus loosen the bristles.

If electrical appliance cords have switches on them, all connections and disconnections should be made with the switch turned off. This saves the metal prongs and outlets from "sparking," which eventually wears away the metal.

Keep a common pair of pliers in the kitchen and you will find many uses for them. They lift the lids off pots, lift pots off the fire, yank the fins out of fish, unscrew the tops of bottles and numerous other things.

Disraeli Had Preference For the 'Open Arms'

Benjamin Disraeli was introduced one day to a celebrated inn-keeper.

"We've met before," announced the owner of the hotel. "You were a guest at my inn several years ago."

"Sorry, I don't seem to recall," said the prime minister.

"How could you forget the 'Royal Arms'?" insisted the man. "Just think back. Remember the attractive barmaid who worked there? Let me see now, it's about five years since you were in the 'Royal Arms.'"

"I have no recollection of staying there," replied the British statesman. "It's more likely I would have remembered it, if I had been in her arms."

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Editor's Note: This is the first power, transportation and supplies.

With the crumbling Allies have won the first tremendous global war. The war, were brought to a combined might of Britain, to our forces alone of cl

It cost us three years of effort before Hitler's legions driven back to the soil of Germany and before we were able to the full weight of combined and air power over Germany 000 square miles of fatherland cost us almost a year of the est fighting in history from 1944, D-Day, before German crushed to her knees, her mass of rubble.

Before us we have the Japanese empire, proper, with 148,756 miles of territory, but with an of some four million well-equipped troops scattered over four and a half million square miles of China and another 803,000 miles of Manchukuo.

What will it cost and how will it take for the unconditional surrender of Japan? How much can we expect of Britain? Will she declare war against her time enemy?

Cost to Be as Great As European War

While no one here is prepared answer these questions on the there are many circumstances which we may draw conclusions. From an economical standpoint bring our total might of against Japan will cost as much as against many. While production of war factories will be cut on items, cost of transportation supply will considerably out the same cost on the German. The transport problem alone is staggering.

Contrary to some opinion pressed in Washington, the supply is preparing and indeed already moving supplies and ment from the German theater of the Japanese theater of war. for this transport of men and teriel have been completed for than a year. Every piece of equipment, insofar as it is economical, will be reconditioned, and shipped to the Japanese theater. All this in addition to the equipment, the B-29s and the V-28s and other equipment shipped directly from America.

One school of thought here believes that Japan will not stand bombing, the loss of her cities



Admiral Nimitz, left, and Gen. MacArthur.

her factories and utilities. Japan will surrender before her national economy is ruined as Germany's. One thing is certain, new U. S. incendiary bombing technique will be developed to a high degree against Japan. Where B-29s are dropping 1,500 tons of incendiaries today, 800 to 1,000 of the super-planes will be dropping more than 3,000 tons of incendiaries in near future. And it only takes tons of incendiary bombs to blot out a square mile of Japanese cities. Those who adhere to this school thought believe that with stepped-up bombing from our bases on Iwo and Okinawa, will lay waste to Tokyo, Yokohama, Osaka, Nagoya, Nagasaki and cities on the Japanese mainland, together with the tight blockade between the mainland and the stolen Jap empire, will blot Japan to surrender terms within next few months, probably by first of 1946.

On the other hand there are those who believe it will be necessary

Battle-Weary Troops

Many veteran divisions in Germany and Italy are battle weary. They deserve a long rest. Some of them will get that rest in Europe, some of them here at home. Transport of these men, their equipment after their rest period, will take months, some say as much as six months. Another period of training for an entirely different brand of warfare and readiness

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Total War Might Must Be Thrown Against Japanese

Reconversion of Troops and Supplies From Europe Going On

By Walter A. Shead

WNU Staff Correspondent.

Editor's Note: This is the first of three articles dealing with the problem of manpower, transportation and supplies that will face us in the all-out effort against Japan.

With the crumbling of Hitler's third Reich the victorious Allies have won the first game of a double-header in this tremendous global war. Germany's 80 millions, girded for total war, were brought to unconditional surrender by the combined might of Britain, Russia and the United States at a cost to our forces alone of close to a million casualties.

It cost us three years of strenuous effort before Hitler's legions were driven back to the soil of Germany and before we were able to deliver the full weight of combined ground and air power over Germany's 225,000 square miles of fatherland. It cost us almost a year of the bloodiest fighting in history from June 6, 1944, D-Day, before Germany was crushed to her knees, her cities a mass of rubble.

Before us we have the Japanese empire, proper, with 148,756 square miles of territory, but with an army of some four million well-equipped, well-trained troops scattered over four and a half million square miles of China and another 503,000 square miles of Manchukuo.

What will it cost and how long will it take for the unconditional surrender of Japan? How much help can we expect of Britain? Will Russia declare war against her one-time enemy?

Cost to Be as Great As European War

While no one here is prepared to answer these questions on the nose, there are many circumstances from which we may draw conclusions. From an economical standpoint, to bring our total might of arms against Japan will cost approximately as much as against Germany. While production of many war factories will be cut on some items, cost of transportation and supply will considerably outweigh the same cost on the German front. The transport problem alone will be staggering.

Contrary to some opinions expressed in Washington, the army supply is preparing and indeed is already moving supplies and equipment from the German theater to the Japanese theater of war. Plans for this transport of men and material have been completed for more than a year. Every piece of equipment insofar as it is economically feasible, will be reconducted, crated and shipped to the Japanese theater. All this in addition to the new equipment, the B-29s and the new B-26s and other equipment to be shipped directly from America.

One school of thought here believes that Japan will not stand the bombing, the loss of her cities and



defeat the Japanese army before the Japs come to terms. This will entail not only invasion of the Jap islands but of the east and south China coast and will require an army of about five million men, and long months of cutting the Chinese into pockets for the piecemeal destruction of the Jap army.

How long this will take, no one is prepared to say. It will depend largely upon the Jap ability to maintain supply lines to her armies in China. That this will be a difficult task can readily be seen.

In the first place there is a dearth of railroad transportation in China. There are no up-to-date military highways. Distances are great and the American navy, likely, with the aid of a powerful British navy, will have established an airtight blockade, not only about the Japanese islands, but along the China coast up and down the Yellow sea, the East and South China seas. Japanese war plants in Manchukuo will come under the same pounding as plants in other sections and, while it is presumed that the Japanese war lords have built up a stock pile of raw materials, it is evident that these can not last in a long campaign.

Cutting Japanese Life and Supply Lines

Recent invasion of Borneo by U. S. forces was done, not only to quench the Jap oil and gas supply from that rich deposit of oil, but to furnish oil and gas for American ships, American tanks and planes, to save some of the long haul across the Pacific in the coming months.

If indeed it is necessary to defeat Jap armies in China to bring a yelp of surrender from Hirohito and his war lords, our armies will invade China, a country of starving millions, divided within itself, with sufficient manpower, but with only a comparatively few trained and equipped troops.

Break between General Stilwell and Chiang Kai-shek, which resulted in withdrawal of General Stilwell, was said to be over distribution of American supplies. General Stilwell wanted these supplies for the Chinese men whom he was training to fight and which the Chinese leader seemed reluctant to commit to showdown battle for fear he might lose the few troops upon which he could depend himself from other hostile elements within China itself.

Invasion of the China coast will not be considered a difficult maneuver by our amphibious forces. As a matter of fact, with the Jap navy cut down to approximately 75 per cent of its one-time power, with its air power dwindling and extended over vast distances, General MacArthur and Admiral Nimitz could pick and choose their landing spot anywhere from Canton on the south to Dairen on the north tip of Manchukuo... establish beachheads and move inland, with the Japs probably unable to reinforce coastal garrisons.

But transportation and long supply lines would be more difficult to maintain because of distances than in the German area of war, because, as we have pointed out... there are few roads and fewer railroads.

Since Pearl Harbor, we have been island hopping, moving nearer and nearer to the Jap home empire. The crushing defeat of the Japs in the Philippines and opening of our sea lanes there... the capture of Iwo and Okinawa... were body blows at the Jap strategy of holding our forces away from the homeland.

With Ernie Pyle in the Pacific:

Mighty Fleet Paved Way For Invasion of Okinawa

Big Guns Pulverized Island in Covering Landings of Troops

By Ernie Pyle

Editor's Note: Ernie Pyle was several dispatches ahead when he met death from a Jap machine gun on Ie island. This newspaper will continue to print these for a few weeks.

OKINAWA.—Now that we are ashore in full force upon the Japanese island of Okinawa I would like to go back and tell you in detail how the invasion went off.

As our regimental commander said the night before the landing: "All I'm worried about is getting past the first two days when we are on our own and will have to improvise to meet every situation. But after that we will be established and from then on we can just go by the book."

The first two days are over—accomplished with an ease that had everybody flabbergasted. By evening of the first day we had done much more than the most optimistic planner figured we could in the first three days. So from now on it's "by the book."

For some reason which I haven't fathomed yet the conventional name of D-Day was changed for this invasion to "Love Day." Possibly it was because we were landing on Easter Sunday and somebody felt the spirit of brotherly love.

At any rate when dawn came on Love Day and the pink, rising sun lifted the shroud of Oriental darkness around us, we were absolutely appalled.

For all our main convoys had converged and there they lay around us in one gigantic fleet, stretching for miles. There were around 1,500 ships and thousands of small landing craft which the ships had carried with them.

There weren't as many small ships as at Normandy, but in naval power and actual force of men and fighting strength it was equally as big as the invasion of Europe. We certainly didn't go at Okinawa in any half-hearted manner.

Ham and Eggs—Then It's Business

We had ham and eggs for breakfast at 4:30 a. m. We strapped our unwieldy packs on our backs. Our heavier gear was left aboard to be taken ashore several days later.

It was only half light when we went on deck. You could see flame flashes on the horizon toward shore. The men on the deck were dark and indistinguishable forms.

Our assault transport carried many landing craft (LCVPs) on deck. They were lifted by a derrick and swung over the side. We piled into them as they hung even with the rail. Then the winch lowered them into the water.

I went on the first boat to leave our ship. It was just breaking dawn when we left. It was still more than two hours before H-Hour. Our long ocean trip was over. The days we had reluctantly counted off were all gone. Our time had run out. This was it.

All around us hundreds of other boats were putting off and churning the water, but there was no organization to it. They weren't yet forming into waves. These early boats carried mainly the control crews who would manage the colossal traffic of shore-bound invasionists in the next few hours.

An assault on an enemy shore is a highly organized thing. It is so intricately organized, so abundant in fine detail that it would be impossible to clarify it all in my mind. No single man in our armed forces knows everything about an invasion.

But just to simplify one point—Suppose we were invading an enemy beach on a four-mile front. It is not as you would think, one over-all invasion. Instead it is a dozen or more little invasions, simultaneously and side by side. Each team runs its own invasion. A combat team is a regiment. Our regimental commander and his staff were on the little control ship. Their control ship directed only the troops of our regiment.

"We had beaches 'Yellow One' and 'Yellow Two.' Troops of our regiment formed waves directly off those beaches, miles at sea, and we went straight in.

Other control ships on either side, having nothing to do with us, directed other waves having nothing to do with us. Each was its own private little show.

As I've written before, war to an individual is hardly ever bigger than a hundred yards on each side of him. And that's the way it was with us in Okinawa.

An hour and a half before H-Hour at Okinawa, our vast naval

fleet began its final, mighty bombardment of the shore with its big guns. They had been at it for a week, but this was a concentration whose fury hadn't been approached before.

Bombardment of Shore Deafening

The power of the thing was ghastly. Great sheets of flame would flash out from a battery of guns, gray brownish smoke would puff up in a huge cloud, then the crash of sound and concussion would carry across the water and hit you. Multiply that by hundreds and you have bedlam.

Now and then the smoke from a battleship would come out in a smoke ring, an enormous one, 20 or 30 feet across, and float upward with perfect symmetry.

Then came our carrier planes, diving on the beaches. And torpedo planes, carrying heavy bombs and incendiaries that spread deep red flame.

Smoke and dust rose up from the shore, thousands of feet high, until finally the land was completely veiled.

Bombs and strafing machine guns and roaring engines mingled with the blended crash of naval bombardment and seemed to drown out all existence.

The water was a turmoil of movement. Dispatch and control boats were running about. LSMs and LSTs were moving slowly forward to their unloading areas.

Motor torpedo boats dashed around as guides. Even the destroyers moved majestically across the fleet as they closed up for the bombardment of the shore.

From our little control ship and the scores like it, waves of assault craft were directed, advised, hurried up, or slowed down.

H-Hour was set for 8:30. By 8 a. m. directions were being radioed and a voice boomed out to sea to form waves 1 and 2, to hurry up, to get things moving.

Our first wave consisted solely of heavy guns on amphibious tanks which were to wade ashore and blast out the pillboxes on the beaches. One minute behind them came the second wave—the first of our foot troops.

After that, waves came at about 10-minute intervals. Wave 3 was on its way before wave 1 ever hit the beach. Wave 15 was moving up before wave 6 got to the beach. That's the way it went.

We were on the control boat about an hour. I felt miserable and that awful weight was still on my heart. There's nothing romantic whatever in knowing that an hour from now you may be dead.

Some officers I knew came aboard. They weren't going ashore until afternoon. They wanted to talk. I simply couldn't carry on a conversation. I just couldn't talk.

Word came by radio that waves 1 and 2 were ashore without much opposition and there were no mines on the beaches. So far, so good.

We looked at the shore through binoculars. We could see tanks moving across the fields and the men of the second wave walking inland, striding upright. There were a few splashes in the water at the beach, but we couldn't make out any real fire coming from the shore.

It was all very indefinite and yet it was indicative. The weight began to lift. I wasn't really conscious of it. But I found myself talking more easily with the sailors, and somehow the feeling gradually took hold of me that we were to be spared. The 7th wave was to pick us up as it came by. I didn't even see it approaching. Suddenly they called my name and said the boats were alongside.

I grabbed my pack and ran to the rail. I'm glad they came suddenly like that. The sailors shouted, "Good luck," over and over and waved us off. We were on our way.

Marines Find Perfect Defense Position

After a couple of days with the headquarters of the marine regiment I moved to a company and lived and marched with them for several days. The company is a part of the First Marine Division, a very hard-bitten outfit.

The company was on a hill about 3,000 yards long and about a hundred yards wide. The men were dug in down the sides of the hill.

There was a mortar platoon at the foot of the hill, all set up to throw mortars any direction.

"This is the most perfect defensive position we've ever had in our lives," the company commander said. "One company could hold out a whole battalion for days. If the Japs had defended these hills they could have kept us fighting for a week."

Hedda Hopper: Looking at HOLLYWOOD

ROBERT CUMMINGS is one man in Hollywood who's not only happy—he's got documents to prove it!

Wherever it is he keeps such things, Cummings has three pieces of paper, all signed and sealed, which would be to any one a reasonable guaranty of his happiness.

The first is his newly acquired marriage license, the party of the second part being ex-actress Mary Elliott (ex) because she promised Robert to give up her career when they were married.

That document also is signed by Bob's mother, Mrs. Ruth Cummings, who at 71 is an ordained minister in the Science of Mind church in Los Angeles. Mrs. Cummings performed the wedding service at Mission Inn, Riverside.

The second document is a four-year term contract with the Hal Wallis productions which guarantees Bob the opportunity of reestablishing himself in pictures. The kid's been away from the screen for two years, serving as an air flight instructor with the United States air forces.

He's Got Everything

The third bit of paper is his medical certificate attesting that he passed the air forces' most rigid examination with points to spare—thus Cummings officially is healthy, he's in love, and he's got a good paying job.

"Those papers mean a lot to me," he said, "but they wouldn't guarantee a thing except for my philosophy."

It's a little odd to talk to Bob about philosophy. His words and thoughts just don't seem to fit his face.

At 37 he looks like a college sophomore. He hasn't the sign of a night club bag under his eyes. The make-up man doesn't have to camouflage a network of crow's feet. His voice is pitched in boyish enthusiasm. He even stammers occasionally, when words bottleneck and jam in his eagerness to overflow. He's the type grandmothers describe as "that nice young man!"

On the set of "You Came Along," where Bob is making his screen reappearance for Hal Wallis, Bob's mind took a philosophical turn.

"Tardiness, I think, is the cardinal sin," he said. "People who get a lot of bad breaks usually have only themselves to blame. It's because they're most always a few beats behind the normal rhythm of life, and they get into trouble because they're always hurrying to get caught up."

A simple thing like getting up in the morning a half hour earlier than is necessary, Bob believes, would straighten out most people and change the course of their lives.

It's Worth Trying

"It's this way," Bob explained. "You approach your day unhurried. You have the opportunity of planning your course of action. No need to rush and fumble. Each task gets the benefit of your complete mental and physical energy. Your work improves, no matter what it may be. Your projects begin to succeed. The result is that people begin to look at you and say, 'What a lucky guy he is!'"

"It's funny, that's all." Bob declared, that acting isn't nearly as important to him now as it once was.

"The main reason I'm back in front of the camera now in 'You Came Along' is that the government feels it will aid the war effort, and that's the only kind of pictures I want to appear in for the duration."

Although Bob's contract with Wallis is for four years, he is at liberty to act only by permission of the army air corps, from which he has been granted leave. When the picture is finished he expects to report back for active duty.

It's a far cry from the time when I first saw Bob, then an unknown, working with Deanna Durbin in "Three Smart Girls" at Universal. At that time I saw him in two small scenes, but the kid had something and I wondered where in the world they'd been keeping him all this time. I told Bob that day that he eventually would be making \$4,000 a week. He blushed and laughed it off.

Paraphrasing I might add in a typographical aside, "Bob, I told you so!"

It's Too, Too Bad

Bill Goetz is doing a slow burn over Orson Welles' antics. If Orson doesn't feel like it, he just doesn't show up for work on "Tomorrow Is Forever." His sponsor got fed up. That's why Herbert Marshall is doing "This Is My Best." Three technicians who've been devoted to him walked out on his last show... Charles Koerner seeks the impossible. He's trying to find a young Ronald Colman for "Power of Darkness." Rosalind Russell's next for RKO will be "Sister Kenny."

Church Accommodates but Three People at One Time

Of the many little houses of worship scattered about the United States, probably the smallest is the stone structure located at Covington, Ky., and known as Monte Cassino. About 6 feet wide and 8 feet deep, it can accommodate 3 persons at a time. Within are several kneeling benches and an altar.

On land adjoining his home at Sparta, Wis., Paul Wegner built a small church of stone and steel so that persons of any faith would have an opportunity to worship any time. It seats 12 persons. An 8 by 14 foot church at Woodbridge, N. J., was built to accommodate 18 persons.

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WEST BETHEL

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cobbett of Orono and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Newell of Bryant Pond were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Burton Newell.

Ellery Farwell of Rosindale, Mass., is at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Hutchinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Merton Haskell of Auburn, also Mr. and Mrs. Loton Hutchinson of Bethel, were at the Hutchinson home on Sunday.

Mrs. Addie Sanborn has gone to East Baldwin to spend the summer with Mrs. G. Gertrude Stover.

Maude and Lawrence Kendall went to Waterville Saturday to attend the State track meet at Colby College. Maurice, who placed first in the mile at Gould, came in second in the State meet. Lawrence won fifth in the half mile at the State meet.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Merrill, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rolfe and Mrs. Kenneth Lovejoy attended the dance at South Paris Saturday evening.

Mrs. Beverly Kneeland spent the week end at home with Mrs. Archie Hutchinson remains very ill at home.

The Farm Bureau met with Mrs. Clara Smith Friday afternoon, May 25, at 1:30. The subject of the meeting was "Lightening the Laundry Load." Mrs. Smith demonstrated the various methods of softening water, removing stains, etc. There were eight members present. The next meeting will be held June 21 at the Grange Hall.

The subject will be Sewing Machine Clinic, with Mrs. Brown, H. P. A.

In the recent waste paper drive two 4-H Club girls, Patricia Rolfe and Davene Marile, collected about 400 pounds of paper which was turned over to the Boy Scout boys at Bethel. The girls are glad to help by doing their bit to end the war. The Club as a whole plans to make another drive on waste paper soon and anyone who wishes to dispose of waste paper may notify any of the 4-H Club girls and they will collect the paper during the month of June.

The sum of \$15 was cleared from the card party for the cancer control fund held Thursday evening at the Grange Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Head and children were in Andover Sunday.

Memorial Day exercises at the school house were: Memorial Day Parade, Eldred Rolfe; Songs of America, School; Recitation, What the Flag Means, Arthur Cushman; Auxiliary Ladies and school children marched to the cemetery to decorate the graves.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
John J. Foster, Minister
11:00 Morning Worship, Children's Day.
There will not be any Pilgrim Fellowship on Sunday evening as their year's activities ended last Sunday evening.

The Guild will hold its annual picnic on Wednesday evening at the camp of Miss Harriet Merrill. All those who wish transportation meet at the church on that evening not later than six o'clock.

Next Sunday will be Baccalaureate Sunday for Gould Academy. The service will be held in our church at 2:30 o'clock. This service will take the place of the regular eleven o'clock service.

METHODIST CHURCH
William Penner, Pastor
9:45 Church School, Miss Minnie Wilson, Superintendent.
11:00 Morning worship service, "Wholeheartedness in Religion."
6:45 Youth Fellowship meeting at the church. Lessons on church membership will be discussed.

The Eleanor Gordon Guild is invited to meet at the parsonage for evening meeting next Wednesday, June 6th.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH
Services Sunday morning at 10:45.
"Ancient and Modern Neomercantilism and Hypnotism Denounced" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon that will be in all Churches of Christ, Scientist on Sunday, June 3.

The Golden Text is: "When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him" (Isaiah 59: 19).

The citations from the Bible include the following passages: "And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called Devil and Satan, which deceiveth the earth and his angels were cast whole world; he was cast out into evil with him, and I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ; for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God, day and night" (Revelation 12: 9-10).

The Lesson-Sermon also includes the following selections from the Christian Science textbook, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy: "That old serpent whose name is devil, evil claiming that there is no intelligence in matter either to benefit or to injure men—is pure delusion, the red dragon; and it is cast out by Christ, Truth, the spiritual idea, and so proved to be powerless" (page 687: 13-23).

Testimonial meetings second Wednesday of every month.

BRYANT POND
BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev Franklin S. Keehlwetter
Pastor

Miss Margaret L. Howe, Organist and Choir Director.
Morning Worship, 10:30.
Sermon: "Christian Joy" Text Romans 15: 13.

The Ordinance of the Lord's Supper will be observed at the close of the service.
Sunday School at 11:45
Y. P. Bible Class at 7:00
Evening Services at 7:30
Prayer meeting in the parsonage on Wednesday evening.
Bible Club after school Thursday.
Choir rehearsal on Friday.

BRYANT POND

Mrs. Inez Whitman, Correspondent
Rev. Franklin Keehlwetter preached the Baccalaureate Sermon to the Senior Class of Woodstock High School Sunday, May 27. There was a very large attendance.

The Misses Alice Chute and Orissa Wolcott had as visitors and dinner guests Tuesday the 22nd, Rev. and Mrs. A. F. Wolcott, Mrs. Towle, Mrs. Oran Young and children, Donna and Oran Jr., all of Littleton; N. H. Miss Charlotte Cole of Greenwood was a recent visitor.

Judith Grover Tent, No. 17, held their regular meeting May 22 at the Juvenile Grange Hall. There were 17 members present. It was voted to purchase a flag and present it to the town to be used at the honor roll. After the meeting several friends came in and helped the members in making over 90 wreaths for the graves of the Civil War veterans. Refreshments of sandwiches, cookies and punch were served by Edith Whitman and Mrs. Farnam.

On Sunday the 27th, the daughters of Veterans observed Memorial Sunday by attending services at the Baptist Church. Following this a delegation went to the Lakeside Cemetery where memorial services were held at the graves of departed members.

Miss Clara E. Whitman, chairman of the local cancer control drive, and her assistants, Mrs. Jordan, Mrs. Vera Swan, Mrs. Iva Farnam, Mrs. Elizabeth Lord, Mrs. Kathleen Cox, and Miss Hazel Abbott, collected \$85.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Whitman and youngest son Larry of Norway were Sunday visitors of his mother, Mrs. Inez Whitman, and other relatives and friends. Mr. Whitman will enter the armed forces on May 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dunlap and Mr. and Mrs. James Elliotts left Saturday night for a few days fishing in the Eustis region.

The Misses Alice Chute, Orissa Wolcott, Edith and Clara Whitman and Mrs. Inez Whitman were at Mechanic Falls Saturday, decorating the Chute and Wolcott family lots, and shopped in Norway in the evening.

There was a large attendance at the graduation exercises of the Woodstock Grammar School May 26. The program was as follows:

March
Invocation
Rev. Keehlwetter
Edwin Howe
Special Music
"The Grand Old State of Maine"
Graduating Class

Special Music
June Bryant
Class Prophecy
Rodney Jordan
Class Gifts
Elaine Vittum
Class Will
Millett Coffin
Valedictory
Barbara Berryment
Presentation of Diplomas
Supt. Charles Puffer

Benediction
Class Roll: Barbara Berryment, June Bryant, Millett Coffin, Robert Coffin, Norma Cox, Arrie Cushman, Martha Dunham, Edwin Howe, Rodney Jordan, Lois McNalls, Virginia Morgan, Elaine Vittum, Nellie Wilson.

HANOVER

Correspondent—
Mrs. W. W. Worcester

Capt. Selling and bride, whose home the west coast have been staying at the Sunflower farm for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Breslinahan did not come as stated in last week's issue.

Mrs. Marjory Cummings went to the Ladies Aid picnic at Rumford Point Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. Arthur Clark and friends of Andover were callers at Mrs. Pauline Lovejoy's Wednesday of last week.

William Thomas, long a resident of this place passed away Saturday May 26. He has been poorly for several weeks and suffered shock on Friday. He has been well cared for by Mr. and Mrs. Babineau who are living on his place. Funeral services were held Monday at 2 p. m. at the late home with Rev. Wm. Penner officiating. The Knights of Pythias held the impressive services at the grave.

Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Mills of Norway was at Mabel Worcester's day.

Mrs. Mabel Worcester accompanied Mrs. Ruth Hopkins and daughter Joan and Mrs. Amy Marston to Magsalloway Monday.

C. C. Barker delivered a load of furniture in Bangor recently.

Tony Crockett is having a two weeks vacation from his work in Rumford.

Mrs. Lillian Russ is with her sister, Mrs. Mandy Lapham.

Frank Worcester and family of Auburn spent the week end in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Parker Russell and Mrs. Harriet Coady went to Bangor Wednesday, May 30.

Mrs. Anna Stearns and Marjory Cummings attended the Farm Bureau at Mrs. Alice Elliotts, Tuesday of last week.

UPTON
Mrs. C. A. Judkins, Correspondent

On the evening of May 25th 65 of the ladies from the Umbagog Interstate Larger Parish gathered at the Upton Grange Hall for the annual Mother and Daughter Banquet. A chicken pie supper was served. Kendrick Judkins, C. A. Judkins, David Hinkley, E. S. Lane, Lyman Lane, and Mrs. C. A. Judkins served the supper and waited on tables. Mrs. Pearl Ashby Tibbitts of Bethel was the speaker of the evening and her talk was very much enjoyed. Mrs. H. T. Wright of North Newry was toastmistress. Mrs. Martha Lane of Errol gave the toast to daughters. Miss Pauline Enman of North Newry gave the toast to mothers. Mrs. Bertha Davis of North Newry read a poem. Mrs. Percy West of Errol led in singing. The annual meeting of the Umbagog Interstate Larger Parish was held directly after the banquet.

The Hittelle 4-H Club met at the home of David Hinkley Saturday, May 26.
Mrs. Sidney E. Abbott and young daughter Susan of East Sumner are spending the holiday week with their parents and Mrs. C. A. Judkins. Sidney brought them Sunday evening but returned to his work Monday morning.

RATION TIMETABLE

MEATS & FATS—NOW GOOD:
Red Stamps Y-5 through Z-5 and A-2 through U-2, in Book Four, worth 10 points each. Y-5, Z-5, and A-2 through D-2 expire June 2; E-2 through J-2 expire June 30; K-2 through U-2 expire Aug. 31. Five new stamps, V-2 through Z-2, become good for 10 points each Friday, June 1, and remain good through Sept. 30.

PROCESSED FOODS—NOW GOOD:
Blue Stamps H-2 through Z-2 and A-1 through C-1, in Book Four, worth 10 points each. H-2 through M-2 expire June 2; N-2 through S-2 expire June 30; T-2 through X-2 expire July 31; Y-2 and A-1 through C-1 expire Aug. 31. Five new stamps, D-1 through H-1, become good for 10 points each Friday, June 1, and remain good through Sept. 30.

SUGAR—NOW GOOD:
Sugar Stamps 35 and 36 in Book Four, good for five pounds each. No. 35 expires June 2. No. 36 expires Aug. 31.

FUEL OIL—Period Four and Period Five coupons of 1944-45 issue and Period One, Two, Three Four and Five coupons of 1944-45 issue valid to Aug. 31. All coupons worth 10 gallons a unit.

GASOLINE—45 coupons good for 4 gallons each through June 21. A-16 coupons become good for 6 gallons each on June 22 through Sept. 21. B-6, C-6, B-7 and C-7 coupons good for 5 gallons each until further notice. Applicants for all gas rations must now present mileage ration records to local boards with application.

SHOES—Airplane Stamps Nos. 1, 2 and 3 in War Book Three good for one pair of shoes each indefinitely. A new shoe stamp will become good Aug. 1.

RENT CONTROL—All landlords claiming that they qualify for summer report exemption must file summer report form (D-64) with Area Rent Offices by May 31 in defense of rental areas. Forms may be obtained at local OPA War Price and Rent Boards. Landlords who have acquired rental property after the property has been registered with the local Area Rent office must report their names and addresses to a form supplied by the rent office before May 31.

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to thank all our friends and relatives for the sympathy shown us in our recent bereavement.

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T. Sgt. and Mrs. Laurence Morrill
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Pvt. Donald Morrill
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Morrill

CARD OF THANKS
The American Legion Auxiliary wish to take this opportunity to thank the Citizens of Bethel and vicinity for making Poppy Day a great success. This money is used for welfare work and rehabilitation and only through the generosity of all could it be done.

The American Legion Auxiliary

BORN
In Rumford, May 23, to Mr. and Mrs. William Sweat, a son, William Ernest.

DIED
At Hanover, May 26, William Thomas.

At South Arm, May 24, Edgar Herrick of Bethel, aged 79 years.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A new dog named "Mike" makes his bow at the White House, a gift from National Democratic Chairman Robert E. Hannegan. "Mike" is shown here with the president's daughter, Margaret Truman, on the south grounds of the White House.

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Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carter spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cotton at Mechanic Falls.

Robert Bean of Sunday River called at Augustus Carter's Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stevens and Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Carter spent the week end at Houghton.

Mrs. Harold Bartlett was in Rumford Saturday afternoon.

Stripped of Medals

Signal Corps Radiophoto
GERMANY—Soundphoto
Reich Air Marshal Hermann Goering, former Nazi, 2, of the master race, who surrendered to the 7th Army forces, arrives for detention at camp in Augsburg, Germany. Here Goering removes his many medals during process of entering prison camp.

Replaces Falla

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A new dog named "Mike" makes his bow at the White House, a gift from National Democratic Chairman Robert E. Hannegan. "Mike" is shown here with the president's daughter, Margaret Truman, on the south grounds of the White House.

MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day was observed by the following programs:
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